Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs

The hearing will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE OVERSIGHT

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Thursday, June 22, 2000, at 2 p.m., in SD226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on International Operations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 22, 2000, at 3 p.m., to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND RECREATION

Mr. BOND, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 22, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on S. 1643, a bill to authorize the addition of certain parcels to the Effigy Mounds National Monument, Iowa; and S. 2547, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Great Sand Dunes National Park and the Great Sand Dunes National Preserve in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Jennifer Riggle, a fellow in my office, be permitted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the consideration of H.R. 4577.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Kelly O'Brien of my office be granted the privilege of the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that George Dowdull, a fellow for Senator BIDEN, be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of the Labor-HHS appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Carlyn Lamia be granted the privilege of the floor during the debate on this bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following people be given floor privileges during the course of this appropriations debate: Elizabeth Smith, Raissa Geary, Katherine McGuire, John Kim.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that floor privileges be granted to Mark Laisch, Jon Retzlaff, Lisa Bernhardt, and Cathy Wilson during the consideration of the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SE-CRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 106–32

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following amendment transmitted to the Senate on June 22, 2000, by the President of the United States:

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol ("Beijing Amendment") (Treaty Document No. 106–32):

I further ask unanimous consent that the amendment be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The message of the President is as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith, for the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, the Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (the "Montreal Protocol"), adopted at Beijing on December 3, 1999, by the Eleventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (the "Beijing Amendment"). The report of the Department of State is also enclosed for the information of the Senate

The principal features of the Beijing Amendment, which was negotiated under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Program, are the addition of trade controls οn hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), the addition of production controls of HCFCs, the addition ofbromochloromethane to the substances controlled under the Montreal Protocol, and the addition of mandatory reporting requirements on the use of methyl bromide for quarantine and preshipment purposes. The Beijing Amendment will constitute a major step forward in protecting public health and the environment from potential adverse effects of stratospheric ozone depletion.

By its terms, the Beijing Amendment will enter into force on January 1, 2001,

provided that at least 20 parties have indicated their consent to be bound. The Beijing Amendment provides that no State may become a party unless it previously has become (or simultaneously becomes) a party to the 1997 Montreal Amendment. The Montreal Amendment is currently before the Senate for its advice and consent to ratification (Senate Treaty Doc. No. 106–10).

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the Beijing Amendment and give its advice and consent to ratification, at the same time as it gives its advice and consent to ratification of the Montreal Amendment.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON. THE WHITE HOUSE, June 22, 2000.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 4601 AND H.R. 3859

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk due for their second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct. The clerk will read the bills by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4601) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 213(c) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001 to reduce public debt and to decrease the statutory limit on the public debt.

A bill (H.R. 3859) to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security and Medicare surpluses through strengthened budgetary enforcement mechanisms.

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I object to further proceedings on these bills at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bills will be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2000

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 23. I further ask consent that on Friday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 4577, the Labor-Health and Human Services appropriations bill, with Senator BOND to be recognized to offer his amendment regarding community health centers.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, when the Senate convenes tomorrow, it will resume the Labor-HHS appropriations bill. Senator BOND will offer his amendment regarding community health centers. Further, amendments are to be